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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer who supports broadband competition. I hate price hikes increasing the cost of internet and telephone services. We used to have DSL but have fiber optic connections today. We still have a landline in case of emergencies. Having broadband is essential to the universities we teach in and schools our children learn in. Keeping America competitive in the world will require easily accessible fast internet. Just like most of the world already has!! We know what's possible, we all know someone, or have personal experiences outside of the US. Maneuvers like this, keep our children and workers at a disadvantage on the world stage.

We're watching!

Do the right thing for the people of the US!

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